

Witness Denies Planning Film on Sedition Case

Rauschnig Says
Subject Never
Was Discussed

By CARTER BROOKE JONES.
Dr. Hermann Rauschnig, German author, a Government witness at the trial, testified under cross-examination that he was technical adviser for the movie "Hitler's Gang," but denied emphatically a suggestion that a plan was discussed with him in Hollywood to make a screen drama of the mass conspiracy case.

The former confidant of Hitler, who was called back today for his fifth day on the witness stand, was asked by P. Bateman Ennis, attorney for Gerhard Wilhelm Kunze, former leader of the German-American Bund, if he had discussed with any one in Hollywood his trip to Washington to appear at the trial. He said he had.

"Was there any discussion of making a movie out of this case?" Mr. Ennis asked.

"Certainly not," the witness replied.



DOGS KILL 84 CHICKENS—Albert B. Brown, who lives with his brother, Bernard F. Brown, on Hill road near Central avenue, Seat Pleasant, looks at the remains of his brother's 84 chickens killed by three dogs early yesterday. The brothers shot one of the dogs but the two others escaped. They said the dogs, all strays, entered the chicken house through a hole.

GOP Publicity Aide Denied Deferment By Appeals Board

Four of 491 Draftees
Requests Rejected;
Leahy Pleas Refused

The District Board of Appeal doesn't consider a publicity man for the Republican National Committee "necessary to the national health, safety or interest," it was disclosed today.

The appeal board thereby disagreed with a draft board in Corning, Md., which had granted Larson D. Farrar, 29, an occupational deferment until February. Mr. Farrar was a publicity man at Republican headquarters here until August, when he moved to the New York headquarters.

One of Four to Lose.
Since he was working here and deferred by a draft board in another State, Mr. Farrar's deferment had to be reviewed by the District Board of Appeal during the week ending September 30. Out of 491 men whose cases were reviewed that week, Mr. Farrar was one of four who lost their deferments and wound up in 1-A.

The other three losers were a bus operator, assistant manager of a tractor company and a supply company packer. Among the successful 487 who included 330 men over 30 and 82 already rejected for physical reasons—were a 26-year-old bread wrapper for a bakery, a 27-year-old dining car waiter, an 18-year-old medical student and a 29-year-old War Manpower Commission occupational analyst, all able-bodied.

On the appeal side, District Selective Service Director William E. Leahy failed to win any cases he appealed. Mr. Leahy asked the appeal board to cancel the conscientious objector classification granted to Howard Lee Coleman, 20-year-old helper on a farm owned by Elder Solomon Lightfoot, Michaux, and to put him in 1-A-O for noncombatant Army duty. Elder Michaux's helper kept his deferment.

Losses Deferment.
Another registrant, who asked to be switched from one deferment to another, wound up with no deferment. He was Everett Evers Craun, 28, listed as manager of the Maryland store. Granted an occupational deferment, Mr. Craun wanted deferment as a conscientious objector. His case had been under routine investigation by the United States attorney since June. During the week on which the appeal board reported today, Mr. Craun was put in 4-A-O.

Another registrant, Nathaniel Washington, 36-year-old father of six children, also tried to shift from one deferred class to another. He, too, failed, but kept his first deferment. A Treasury Department laborer, Mr. Worthington was granted an occupational deferment, but wanted classification in 4-D as a minister. He was held in his former class.

In addition to these cases, the appeal board granted seven appeals for occupational deferment and one appeal for deferment as a hardship case. It denied two appeals for occupational deferment and two for hardship deferment.

Judge Rules Word 'Striker' On Discharge Not Libelous
By the Associated Press.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 18.—Judge John J. Parker of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals has affirmed a judgment of the District Court of Norfolk in the case of A. G. Stovall versus Burns & Roe, Inc., Navy shipbuilding contractors. It so does ruled there was no proven libel involved in writing the word "striker" across the discharge slip of a worker.

Mr. Stovall, plaintiff, charged that a Navy lieutenant supervising work at the naval operating base at Norfolk, where Mr. Stovall was employed by Burns & Roe as a shipfitter, had written the allegedly libelous word on his discharge slip and further added vocally, "Discharge these men and report them to their draft boards."

Stoddard to Speak
Lothrop Stoddard, author, journalist and commentator, will be the speaker at 8 o'clock tonight at the opening meeting of the season of the Brotherhood of the Washington Hebrew Congregation in the vestry of the Washington Hebrew Congregation Temple, Eighth and I streets N.W. Mr. Stoddard's topic will be "Our World Today."

Senators to Get Story Today on Fight in Statler

Sworn Statements
Of Witnesses to Be
Read to Committee

The full story of "the Battle of the Statler"—that is what both sides have to say about how it started—will be told for the first time this afternoon behind closed doors at a meeting of the Senate Campaign Expenditures Committee. The committee then will decide whether to reveal more details by holding public hearings on the affair. The "Battle of the Statler," which has snowballed to the proportions of a major engagement as the election campaign has progressed, is the fight at the hotel on the night of September 23 between two naval officers and guests from the "Teamsters" Union banquet, which had just been addressed by the President.

The committee will learn about the battle through the reading of sworn statements from witnesses and participants gathered by Robert H. Murphy, committee counsel, and two investigators.

There are 14 affidavits and they have been photostated for the five members of the committee, it was learned.

Senator Ferguson, Republican of Michigan, arrived by plane from Detroit shortly before chairman Green called the committee into session. Other members are Senators Tunnell of Delaware and Stewart of Tennessee, Democrats, and Senator Ball, Republican, of Minnesota.

The affidavits to be read at the meeting include several obtained in New York from members of the Teamsters' Union, who have maintained a story since about the affair and the two affidavits from women with union connections who said they had been accosted by the naval officers that night in the corridors of the hotel and that the officers asked them for whom they were going to vote.

These last two affidavits were sworn to by Mrs. Helen Roland, an employee of the Milk Drivers' and Dairy Employees' Union, and Mrs. Frank W. Lee, wife of a trustee of the Central Labor Union.

Previously the only story of the fight made public was that of the two naval officers, Lt. Randolph Dickens, Jr., and Lt. Comdr. James H. Suddeth. They said men who had attended the banquet asked the Commander in Chief and called them disloyal when they refused to answer.

Hotel Strikers Report Other Unions' Help

A number of American Federation of Labor unions have agreed to stop deliveries to the Roosevelt Hotel, and the Central Labor Union has passed a resolution calling the strike at the hotel "justified," it was learned today, as the strike entered its sixth day.

Mr. Sol Karp, executive director of the four unions whose members are on strike, said union truck drivers were not crossing the picket line and the AFL Musicians' Union is considering withdrawing its band from the hotel's Victory Room.

Mr. Karp said he did not have a complete list of unions which are supporting the strikers, but asserted practically every member of the Central Labor Union, the overall AFL organization in the city, is in solidarity.

The Labor Department's Conciliation Service said the case had been recommended for certification to the War Labor Board on a "strike" basis, and probably would reach the WLB today.

The hotel management, which has maintained everything is going along smoothly despite the strike, said it still was servicing its patrons and continuing to get supplies.

Trans-Atlantic Air Rates Below Ship Tolls Proposed

Trans-Atlantic air rates lower than first-class steamship fares were proposed yesterday at hearings on the legislation of a dozen American companies to fly postwar routes to Europe.

American Airlines suggested New York-to-London rates of \$235, with a \$250 rate to Paris and a 10 per cent reduction for round trips, as compared with prewar steamship rates of \$282 to England and \$287 to France, for first or cabin class passengers.

According to testimony of A. N. Kemp, president of the airline, American is in a position to supply "integrated service" between major cities in the United States, Canada and Mexico and Europe.

Also challenging Pan American Airlines' dominant role in the North Atlantic field are Transcontinental & Western Air, Pennsylvania-Central Airlines, with headquarters in Washington; American Export Airlines, Northeastern and National Airlines, Moore McCormack Steamship Lines and several companies not operating passenger service at this time.

Carroll Forum to Hear Adolf Berle on Friday
Undersecretary of State Adolf A. Berle will appear at "The American Outlook in Foreign Affairs" at 8:15 p.m. Friday in the grand ball room of the Mayflower Hotel. This is the first of a series of monthly public lectures sponsored by the Charles Carroll Forum of Washington, featuring international and national problems.

Speakers for subsequent lectures include John T. Flynn on "The Brass Tactics of Abundance," Rulka Langer and Gabor de Besseney on "Russia's Frontiers," Hubert Liang on "China," Dr. K. Shrinidharani on "India" and the Rev. Dr. John P. Cronin on "Labor in America."

Charter Talk on Air
Stephen James, a member of the board that drafted the proposed Montgomery County charter, will discuss the county government plan in a talk over Station WMAL at 10:30 o'clock tonight.

Fire Destroys Residence
Fire from a defective chimney yesterday destroyed the two-story frame house of Charles T. Spriggs, colored, 39, on the Browns Station road near Upper Marlboro. Mr. Spriggs, who lived alone in the house, said he noticed smoke coming from a second-floor window. By the time the Marlboro District Heights and Forestville Volunteer Fire Departments arrived, however, the house had virtually been destroyed.



BICYCLES GO LIKE HOT CAKES—This was part of the "mob scene" today as the police auction opened at 469 C street N.W. for disposal of unclaimed lost, stolen and abandoned property. The bicycle is one of a lot which brought from \$3.50 to \$24.

Scarce Articles Draw Largest Crowd in 15 Years to Police Sale

Bicycles, Appearing Fit
For Junk Yard, Bring \$7;
\$20 Given for Toy Truck

Lured in part by the hope of obtaining articles which virtually have disappeared from stores because of wartime shortages, the largest crowd in 15 years attended the opening of the police auction in the police storehouse at 469 C street N.W. today.

As prospective purchasers pushed their way toward the auctioneer's block for a glimpse of the items, there was considerable debate among spectators over whether the buyers were getting "bargains," especially for such items as bicycles and children's wagons.

Bicycles which appeared ready for the junk pile went for \$6 and \$7 while \$24 was bid for a "streamliner" model before the auctioneer shouted "sold."

Property Clerk Thwarted.
Property Clerk Steve Giggins groaned when a miniature fire truck brought \$20. He had received orders from his grandson for that particular item but he gave up hope long before the bidding ceased.

Made up of unclaimed lost, stolen and abandoned property, the sale started with a two-section wooden ladder which brought \$3.

Beginning at the front of the storehouse on the first floor, where a lot of bicycles and tricycles were stacked with the ladder, Auctioneer Zed Williams worked his way back, disposing of a pile of old lumber for \$19, a penny weighing scale for \$9, a set of flood lights for \$11 and a number of children's wagons for over \$10.

Bidding was so brisk that he seldom had need to cite the attractions of his wares.

Wooden Oars Bring \$250.
Even after his warning that a tricycle was lost to a pedaler, a bidder pushed the price from \$3 to \$3.50. And a set of wooden oars, which he said, looked as if they came "off the Mayflower," brought \$250.

When a small steamer trunk was knocked down for \$6, however, and a wardrobe trunk sold for \$14, spectators murmured that these were real bargains.

Porefronted purchasers, unable to get near the auction block, took a determined stance near articles they hoped to buy when the auctioneer moved their way. One housewife was sitting firmly by a sewing machine, another waiting grimly by a bundle of mops. "They are so hard to find in the stores," she said.

Inspector Clement P. Cox, chief clerk of the Metropolitan Police Department, said the sale would go on at least two days. After the first one is cleared, he said, the auctioneer will go to the fourth floor and work his way down.

All proceeds, he explained, go to the District tax collector for the general revenue fund.

Rifes for George T. Brown, Postal Carrier, Set Today
Funeral services for George T. Brown, 43, for 21 years an employee of the Washington and Arlington post offices, who died Monday, were to be held at 2 p.m. today at the Ives funeral home, Arlington. Burial will be in the Arlington Cemetery.

A guard of honor from the Arlington Guard company of which Brown was a member was to attend the rites, with members serving as pallbearers.

Mr. Brown had been a carrier for the Arlington Post Office since its consolidation in 1936, and prior to that time had been employed in the District Post Office. He suffered a heart attack Monday while at work and died en route to a hospital.

Mr. Brown had served two enlistments in the Arlington Guard company and had been promoted to corporal a few days before his death.

He survived by his widow, Mrs. Eleanor H. Brown; a brother, Betty Gene Brown; a sister, Charles E. Brown, and two sisters, Mrs. Mamie Seabold and Mrs. Dorothy Dudding.

Mrs. Ruth Hanna Simms' Condition Is Improved
By the Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick Simms, former National Republican committee woman from New Mexico, reported herself as much improved today at Billings Memorial Hospital.

She is being treated for a fracture of the left shoulder, and has undergone an operation for removal of a bone splinter from the break. She was injured at Alamogordo, Colo., when her horse stepped into a gopher hole and threw her.

Worker's Glance Discovers Fire in Own Residence

Miss Betty Gorham, a Government worker, glanced out of her office window in the Dupont Circle Building yesterday and saw smoke pouring out of a house a block away.

She wasted no time in turning in an alarm—especially since the fire was in her own rooming house at 1776 Massachusetts avenue N.W.

A second alarm was turned in by firemen and the flames swept the upper two floors of the four-story building. The rooming house is next door to the Belgian Embassy.

Mrs. Eula C. James, 47, manager of the rooming house, suffered a possible leg fracture when she tripped over a hose on the first floor after the fire had been extinguished. She was taken to Emergency Hospital and later removed to Garfield Hospital.

District Near Top In Job Replacements

The War Manpower Commission's report on Nation-wide job replacement activities for August put the District near the top in its placement record. The area WMC office announced today.

The District placed 2616 per cent more workers in August than in that month last year, a bigger increase than any State showed.

In the placement of women and nonwhite workers, the District also led the Nation in the percentage of increase over July, 1944, having placed 52.6 per cent more women and 8.5 more nonwhite workers in August than in July, the area WMC reported.

The District emerged third highest in the country on the increase in placement of all workers here in August over July, with an increase of 37.2 per cent.

For the period from January to August, placements in the District showed an increase of 63.7 per cent over the same period for 1943, for the sixth highest percentage increase in the Nation.

In veteran placements, the District showed the seventh greatest increase over July, 1944, and was third in the percentage of increase over August, 1943.

Bishop Dun Helps Conduct Church Conference Forum

By the Associated Press.
LANCASTER, Pa., Oct. 18.—Episcopal Church delegates attending the annual five-State conference of the province of Washington yesterday elected the Rev. Thomas J. Bigham, Pittsburgh, as secretary for the 19th consecutive year.

A forum on racial and social fellowship was conducted by the Right Rev. Angus Dun, Bishop of Washington, and the Rev. Walter Van Kirk of the Federal Council of Churches.

Others officers named at the opening session included: Spencer Ervin, Philadelphia, treasurer; the Right Rev. Dr. R. E. L. Strider, Wheeling, Bishop of West Virginia; the Rev. Samuel B. Whiston, Richmond, Va., and Ogilvie Singleton, Washington, Executive Committee; the Right Rev. Dr. Frank William Sterrett, Bishop of Bethlehem, Pa.; the Rev. Dr. William O. Smith, Baltimore; the Rev. Thomas L. Small, Oil City; the Rev. Edmund H. Carhart, Philadelphia; Thomas E. Robertson, Washington; George L. Brown, Orange, Va.; and C. P. Wilhelm, Kingwood, W. Va., members of the Court of Reviews.

The Right Rev. J. Thomas Heistand, Bishop of Harrisburg, was host at an informal reception for the 250 delegates, representing 13 dioceses in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and West Virginia.

WLB Unit Orders Extension Of Print Shop Contract
The regional War Labor Board has ordered that the present contract between Columbia Typographic Union, No. 101, and the Graphic Arts Association, representing District printing shops, be extended pending outcome of negotiations, and ordered that no work stoppage occur, "direct or indirect."

The WLB referred agreements reached between the union and five employers to its disputes division, maintaining that members of the Graphic Arts Association could not sign agreements individually, and announced it would process 10 other agreements as aggrieved cases.

Eleven of the 42 employers have informed the union of their willingness to accept any WLB decision, while the remaining 16 are still holding out. Jesse Manbeck, union president, announced.

Hotels to Stop Serving Butter At Noon Meals

Restaurants in Area,
Also Hit by Shortage,
May Follow Suit

By MALCOLM LAMBORNE, Jr.

The majority of Washington hotels will halt the serving of butter with lunches beginning Monday, a decision made as a result of a continuing butter shortage in this area, it was learned today.

At the same time it was learned the Washington Restaurant Association has made a similar recommendation to about 1,100 restaurants in the city. An official said a small percentage of eating places are serving oleomargarine and they would not make any change, since oleo is not scarce.

The Board of Directors of the Hotel Association of Washington recommended that its members, representing 29 hotels, discontinue serving butter at noon meals until such time as either point values on butter are decreased by the Office of Price Administration or the supply situation improves.

In place of butter, the establishments are expected to serve preserves, marmalade or some other substitute. Butter was increased from 16 to 20 points a pound on October 1.

Report Great Scarcity.
Officials of both organizations report a "great scarcity" of butter in commercial establishments, with many places already forced to limit service of the spread.

Meanwhile, the butter industry here saw no relief for other consumers. One source said the situation might even grow worse. Householders have been feeling a butter pinch for more than a month, and the War Food Administration has pointed out that a shortage of supplies will continue for the rest of the year. This is the period of low milk production, and accordingly low butter production.

Fluid cream also is becoming a scarce commodity, forcing some eating places to ration coffee drinkers. Several hotels have discontinued serving cream with demitasse at private functions.

Charge Price Inequities.
Butter dealers claim the shortage results from price inequities which favor the cream diversion to products other than butter. Government sources point out, however, that any change in prices would disrupt the whole complicated milk price structure and force an eventual price increase to fluid milk consumers. The Government has fought against any changes which would affect the price of such basic commodities as bread and milk.

One dairyman pointed out that with the return of cold weather coffee consumption increases and thus increases the use of cream.

U. S. Restores Trade Link With Free Italy

By the Associated Press.
The United States has taken the first step toward restoring a prewar commercial relationship with Italy by lifting the restriction against business communications with the liberated portion of that country.

Private trade transactions still are prohibited, but business men are free to negotiate and exchange information without a license. Italian assets in this country still are frozen. The Treasury Department, which made the announcement, said banks may now rely on requests for information from their depositors; documents such as birth, death and marriage certificates, wills and legal notices may be transmitted.

Since trade with Italy is being carried on only through governmental agencies, licenses will not be granted for private trade at this time.

As for financial transactions on behalf of, or involving persons in Italy, Treasury licenses will continue to be required. Except for the existing facilities for sending living expense remittances, the sending to Italy of currency, securities, money orders and drafts is still prohibited.

Commercial communication channels with France are still closed.

WPB's Top Staff to Honor Nelson at Dinner Tonight

The top staff of the War Production Board will give a dinner for former Chairman Donald M. Nelson at the Statler Hotel tonight.

John Lord O'Brien, WPB chief counsel, will serve as toastmaster. More than 200 of the agency's officials will attend. Other speakers will include Chairman J. A. Krug and Mr. Nelson.

Neighbor Ordered To Give Football Back to Boy

Judge James R. Duncan of Alexandria Civil and Police Court yesterday ruled that a boy is entitled to regain possession of his football even if it has been accidentally landed on some one else's property. He ordered Miss Blanche Rotchford, 212 South Patrick street, former concert singer, to return a football belonging to David Moss, 9, of 911 King street, which had been kicked into her yard.

David Moss, 9, of 911 King street, David's parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Moss, swore out a warrant for Miss Rotchford when she refused to return the football at the request of David and of his parents.

The boy was playing with the football for the first time after a serious illness when it was accidentally kicked into Miss Rotchford's yard.

Although no fine was imposed, Judge Duncan refused to dismiss the case until Miss Rotchford sent home for the football and returned it to the boy. Judge Duncan also took from her a bag of baseballs, rubber balls and golf balls Miss Rotchford had brought as evidence of her annoyance by juvenile play.

Daily Rationing Reminders

Canned Foods, Etc.—Book No. 4, blue stamps A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 through F-5 good indefinitely. Each stamp worth 10 points.

Meats, Fats, Etc.—Red stamps A-8 through Z-8 and A-5 through K-8 good indefinitely for 10 points each.

Points for Fats—Your meat dealer will pay two ration points for each pound of waste kitchen fats you turn in.

Sugar—Book No. 4 stamps 30 through 33 valid for 5 pounds indefinitely. Book 4 stamp 40 good for 5 pounds for home canning through February 28, 1945.

Gasoline—A-11 coupons good for 3 gallons each through November 8, B-4, C-4, B-5 and C-5 coupons good for 5 gallons each. New A Ration Books good November 9 now available by mail to local boards. Get applications at service stations or Ration Board and mail in along with back cover of present A book.

Shoes—Airplane stamps 1 and 2 in Book No. 3 good indefinitely for one pair of shoes each.

Fuel Oil—Periods No. 4 and 5 coupons good for 10 gallons per unit through August 31, 1945. Period 1, 1944-5 ration, also good for 10 gallons a unit. Consumers in this area should not have used more than 3 per cent of their ration thus far.